

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA

cast on the role played by the Mission during the conquest. Puginier was denounced as a religious zealot turned politician through a wish to make the Church triumph at all costs. His hatred of the mandarins the administration into a mistaken policy of direct government : he had even been willing to involve France in a civil war just for the greater glory of the Mission. Christian villages wanted tax exemptions\* privileged positions everywhere, and persecutions of their erst-enemies. In short, the Mission had made every effort to have a directing hand in the state and to use it solely for its own ends. Body to this denunciation when the Mission took active steps to get the Emperor of Annam deposed in 1891, and to substitute for him a prince of their converts, who would exercise pressure on his to turn Catholic. When De Lanessan helped to restore had been destroyed during the conquest, the Mission asked to desist\* and when he refused he was denounced in the Hanoi Cathedral. Thus put on the defensive, the Mission loudly proclaimed its patriotism. Had it not served the interests of colonization in founding printing presses, and by initiating social service work in the ? The Mission's aim was not only to make the Annamites but to make them French,<sup>1</sup> The government at the however, refused to admit any identity in their interests. smoothly under Bert, despite his ferociously reputation, because he and Puginier held each other in All the demanded, according to Bert, was that the Its laws and expect no special favours. When be put by Church property the Mission pro-for it the landowner in Hanoi and in many of

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